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Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator, The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway, bet. 155th and 156th Streets,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We shall be glad to comply with the request contained in your letter of August 30th, as soon as this Service becomes organized and copies of the badges are available.

Very truly yours,

L. Thornton

Director, Industrial Insignia Service.

WAR BADGES FOR WORKMEN.

Service Bars Also to be Authorized Under Government Direction.

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The War Labor Policies Board, on recommendation of Secretary of Labor Wilson, has authorized the issuance of a war badge as an insignia of distinction for industrial workers.

The plan was worked out by Hugh Frayne, labor representative on the War Industries Board; Carl Byoir of the Committee on Public Information, L. Howland of the Shipping Board, Louis McH. Howe of the Navy Department, Major F. W. Tully of the War Department, and Roger W. Babson of the Department of Labor. It was approved by the War Production Departments of the Governments.

War badges will be awarded to civilian workers employed for at least four consecutive months in Government industry, that is, industries where work is sufficient in volume and importance to require the supervision of a Government official, or a plant certified by the chief of a Government department as of sufficient importance in war production to have badges issued. Service bars will be given for employment beyond four months.

A board will be created to supervise the issuance of badges. Charles T. Clayton, Assistant Director General of the United States Employment service, has been designated chief of this board

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New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Acknowledgment is made of your letter of October 1st, in further reference to the war industries badge. Some little delay has been occasioned in this connection, and the matter is still held in abeyance.

Very truly yours,

C. G. Beaston

Director, Industrial Insignia Service.

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